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SUBJ: QATARI MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND LABOR'S FUND RAISING

EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF UNFPA

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1. THE GOVT OF QATAR'S MINISTER OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, ALI AL ANSARI, WHO HAS BECOME INDEFATIGABLE FUND RAISER IN AREA FOR UN FUND FOR POPULATION ACTIVITIES, RETURNED TO DOHA MAY 16 AFTER RECENT SWING THROUGH AREA. DURING PART OF TOUR ANSARI ACCOMPANIED BY UNFPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RAFAEL SALAS.

2. AMBASSADOR MET WITH ANSARI MAY 17 TO REVIEW ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF HIS RECENT AND PREVIOUS MISSIONS. ACCORDING ANSARI, HE HAS TAKEN ON FUND RAISING JOB AT REQUEST OF UN AND IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF ARAB LEAGUE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION ACTIVITIES.

3. RE HIS MOST RECENT TOUR, ANSARI SAID THAT QATAR, SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT AND UAE HAD NOT AS YET COMMITTED THEMSELVES AND WERE STUDYING POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS. BAHRAIN HAD PLEDGED \$100,000 FOR 76-77 PERIOD IN ADDITION TO REGULAR \$10,000 ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION. JORDAN HAD PLEDGED \$200,000 FOR 76-77 IN ADDITION TO \$10,000 ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION. OMAN ALSO HAD PLEDGED \$200,000, BUT THIS TIED TO ARAB COUNTRY PROGRAMS, PLUS \$10,000 ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION. RE OMAN, ANSARI NOTED THAT OMANIS HAD REQUESTED ASSISTANCE COSTING \$4 MILLION FROM UNFPA.

4. ANSARI THEN REVIEWED PLEDGES HE HAD OBTAINED DURING AFRICAN TRIP LAST JANUARY: LIBYA \$1 MILLION; ALGERIA \$500,000; EGYPT \$1.28 MILLION FOR 76 AND SAME AMOUNT FOR 77 IN ADDITION TO REGULAR ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF 150,000 EGYPTIAN POUNDS; TUNIS \$200,000; MAURITANIA \$100,000; MOROCCO \$300 TO \$350 THOUSAND. ALL PLEDGES WITH EXCEPTION OF EGYPT WERE FOR 76-77 PERIOD.

5. ANSARI SAID HE WOULD UNDERTAKE ANOTHER FUND RAISING MISSION, PROBABLY IN NOVEMBER, THAT WOULD COVER YAR, PDRY, SUDAN, SYRIA AND IRAQ.

6. RE POSSIBILITY OF OPEC ORGANIZATIONAL CONTRIBUTION, ANSARI SAID THAT THIS HAD BEEN RAISED WITH OPEC BUT AS YET THERE HAD BEEN NO CONCRETE RESPONSE. HE NOTED THAT MANY OPEC COUNTRIES HAD BEEN APPROACHED ON INDIVIDUAL BASIS.

7. WE CONGRATULATED ANSARI ON HIS APPARENTLY SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO DATE, EMPHASIZING THAT IT MOST IMPORTANT THAT THERE BE OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFPA TO HELP USG JUSTIFY ITS MAJOR FUNDING OF ORGANIZATION.

8. ANSARI COMMENTED THAT MOST EFFECTIVE APPROACH IN THIS AREA WAS TO STRESS UNFPA'S MANPOWER STUDIES, CENSUS AND MOTHER/ CHILD CARE PROGRAMS RATHER THAN POPULATION CONTROL, SINCE LATTER DOESN'T HAVE MUCH APPEAL IN UNDER-POPULATED AREA COUNTRIES,

PARTICULARLY WHERE ARAB SEGMENT OF POPULATION IS OFTEN A MINORITY
IN ITS OWN COUNTRY.

9. ANSARI ALSO STATED THAT IT GOOD FOR ARAB WORLD IMAGE FOR OIL
RICH STATES TO BE SUPPORTING SUCH A BASICALLY HUMANITARIAN
ACTIVITY AS UNFPA. HE SAID HE WAS MORE THAN PLEASED TO FRONT
FOR UNFPA WITH HIS ARAB BRETHREN WHO MORE LIKELY TO BE RESPONSIVE
TO HIS APPEAL RATHER THAN THAT OF AN OUTSIDER.

10. WE OBSERVED THAT ANSARI HAD BEEN MORE SUCCESSFUL IN POORER
STATES OF AREA THAN AT HOME AND WITH OIL RICH NEIGHBORS, WHO
MOST ABLE TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS. HE EXPRESSED
OPTIMISM THAT THESE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IN TIME AND HE INDICATED
THAT HE INTENDED TO KEEP AFTER GOQ AND OTHERS TO CONTRIBUTE
THEIR SHARE.

11. COMMENT: IT BEST TO LEAVE TO ANSARI CONVINCING OF GOQ TO
CONTRIBUTE TO UNFPA. HE IS A BELIEVER IN USEFULNESS OF FUND AND
ALSO SEES IMAGERY BENEFITS OF ARAB GENEROSITY. HE WELL ABLE TO
CARRY THE BALL WITHOUT OUR ASSISTANCE, SO WE'LL LEAVE FIELD TO
HIM.

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